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1. "There are developments to indicate that the Governments of India and Pakistan are genuinely interested in breaking away from an unhappy past and establishing Indo-Pak relations on a basis of friendly cooperation. The Prime Ministers of both the countries will have preliminary talks on the outstanding issues in London where they have gone to attend the Coronation. Meanwhile, both the Governments have issued directives to the Ministries concerned to start conferring with their opposite numbers on the various issues with a view to finding agreed solutions. Much will, however, depend on finding an agreed solution of the main disputes - Kashmir and Canal Waters.
2. "In London, India's Prime Minister will also hold talks with the Prime Minister of Ceylon on the problem of citizenship rights for Indian settlers in Ceylon. If this problem is settled satisfactorily, as there are indications, a distinct improvement will be marked in the relations between these two neighboring countries which have otherwise been cordial.
3. "The recent visit of the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles to India and Pakistan has also not been devoid of hopeful portents. His talks with India's Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, 'did clear up some misunderstanding' and they each gained respect for the integrity of the other's purpose. Speaking about Pakistan, Mr Dulles observed that Pakistan was a dependable bulwark against Communism, but it now faced a grave shortage of wheat. It is hoped that the US would concede Pakistan's request for a million ton food aid."

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